

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 8, 13 and 17–24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 25–27.

Please amend claims 1, 3–7, 9–12 and 16 as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~A structure of mounting a weight in a forklift truck comprising which has a frame, and the weight and a mounting structure for mounting the weight on that is to be connected and fixed to the frame, wherein by a bolt and a nut, the bolt being tightened by screwing the nut, the mounting structure compris~~es:

~~a first hole formed through the frame for inserting the bolt;~~

~~a second hole formed through the weight for inserting the bolt in such a manner that the first hole and the second hole correspond to each other;~~

~~a first fitting part formed on the frame; [[and]]~~

~~a second fitting part formed on the weight in such a manner that the first fitting part is fittingly received in [[and]] the second fitting part, fit to each other~~

~~wherein the first hole is formed in the first fitting part and the second hole is formed in the second fitting part such [[and]] that the first hole and the second hole are aligned with each other when the first fitting part is fittingly received in the second fitting part frame and the weight are combined together;~~

~~a bolt inserted through the aligned first and second holes and a nut screwed onto the bolt for tightening it,~~

~~wherein the first fitting part comprises a horizontal top portion, a first contacting portion that continues from a rear end of the top portion and extends downward, and a second contacting portion, and~~

~~wherein the second fitting part comprises a first bearing surface which is in contact engagement with the first contacting portion, and a second bearing surface which is in contact engagement with the second contacting portion,~~

characterized in that the second contacting portion of the first fitting part continues from a lower end of the first contacting portion and extends horizontally forward, and in that the second fitting part comprises a third bearing surface which is in contact engagement with the three portions of the first fitting part.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The forklift truck ~~structure~~ according to claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~, wherein the first hole is formed through the first contacting portion~~[[,]]~~ and the second hole ~~[[being]]~~ is formed through the first ~~second~~ bearing surface.

4. (currently amended) The forklift truck ~~structure~~ according to claim 1~~[[2]]~~, wherein the top portion, the first contacting portion and the second contacting portion have substantially the same dimension as measured in a direction of ~~[[a]]~~ width of the forklift truck.

5. (currently amended) The forklift truck ~~structure~~ according to claim 1~~[[2]]~~, wherein the frame further comprises a bearing part that extends downward from the first fitting part~~[[,]]~~ and wherein the weight further compris~~[[ing]]~~es a fourth bearing surface ~~[[for]]~~ contacting the bearing part.

6. (currently amended) The forklift truck ~~structure~~ according to claim 5, wherein the first hole is formed through the bearing part~~[[,]]~~ and the second hole ~~[[being]]~~ is formed through the fourth bearing surface.

7. (currently amended) The forklift truck ~~structure~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first fitting part has substantially a J-shape.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The forklift truck structure according to claim 1, wherein the weight has an engaging part ~~[[for]]~~ which fac[[ing]]es the frame.

10. (currently amended) The forklift truck structure according to claim 1, wherein the number of the first holes, the number of the second holes, the number of the first fitting parts and the number of the second fitting parts are each two.

11. (currently amended) The forklift truck structure according to claim 10, wherein the second fitting parts are symmetrical relative to a longitudinal center line of the weight.

12. (currently amended) A method of mounting a weight in a forklift truck which ~~[[has]]~~ comprises a frame and the weight that is to be connected and fixed to the frame by a bolt and a nut, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

a first forming step of forming a first hole through the frame and a second hole through the weight in such a manner that the first hole and the second hole correspond to each other;~~[[and]]~~

a second forming step of forming a first fitting part on the frame and a second fitting part on the weight in such a manner that the first fitting part and the second fitting part fit to each other, wherein the first hole is formed in the first fitting part and the second hole is formed in the second fitting part such[[and]] that the first hole and the second hole are aligned with each other when the frame and the weight are combined together;

wherein the second forming step comprises forming the first fitting part to have a horizontal top portion, a first contact portion that continues from a rear end of the top portion and extends downward, and a second contacting portion, and forming the second fitting part to have a first bearing surface to be brought into contact engagement with the first contacting portion, and a second bearing surface to be brought into contact engagement with the second contacting portion;

a step of moving the frame [[to]] and the weight to each other in such a manner that the first fitting part is fittingly received in[[and]] the second fitting part-fit to each other;

a step of inserting the bolt through the first hole and the second hole from the weight side; and

a step of tightening the bolt with the nut,

the method being characterized in that the second forming step furthermore comprises forming the second contacting portion of the first fitting part such that it continues from a lower end of the first contacting portion and extends horizontally forward, and in that the second forming step furthermore comprises forming the second fitting part to have a third bearing surface to be brought in contact engagement with the three portions of the first fitting part.

13. (cancelled)

14. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the weight has an engaging part for facing the frame.

15. (original) The method according claim 12, wherein the number of the first holes, the number of the second holes, the number of the first fitting parts and the number of the second fitting parts are each two.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the second forming step furthermore comprises[[:]] forming the second fitting part so as to be symmetrical relative to a longitudinal center line of the weight.

17.-24. (cancelled)

25. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the moving step comprises moving the weight to the frame.

26. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the moving step comprises moving the frame to the weight.

27. (new) The method according to claim 26, wherein the moving step comprises lowering the frame from above toward the weight.